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SUBJECT: CORAL SEA GUEST

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1. WE CAN ASSUME THAT GOA WILL GIVE OFFICIAL
SUPPORT TO AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INVITATION AS IN
PREVIOUS YEARS.

2. YOU CAN PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT INVITATION
WILL INCLUDE WIFE.

3. YOU CAN FURTHER ASSUME THAT GOA WILL FUND IN-C
COUNTRY EXPENSES AS IN PAST YEARS. IN-COUNTRY
COSTS ARE CONSIDERABLE: SPECIAL AIRCRAFT,
HOTEL SUITES, GROUND TRANSPORT, ETC.
HISTORICALLY COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HAS BEEN
FUNDED BY USG AND NEITHER GOA NOR AAA HAS BUDGETED
SUCH FUNDS. IF WE APPLIED PRESSURE WE MIGHT
OBTAIN FINANCING FROM GOA OR AAA. WOULD BE MOST
RELUCTANT TO PRESS FOR SUCH A CHANGE IN
TRADITIONAL COST SHARING SINCE THIS WOULD JEOPARDIZE
GOOD WILL ENTIRE EXERCISE IS DESIGNED TO REINFORCE.
IF GOA PAID ALL COSTS, JOINT NATURE OF ANNUAL EVENT
WOULD BE LOST AND U.S. WOULD RELINQUISH LEVERAGE OVER
SELECTION OF VISITOR AND PROGRAMMING. AUSTRALIANS
WOULD REGARD SUCH REQUEST FROM US AS DISTINCT DOWN-
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GRADING OF COMMEMORATION BY U.S. MISSION URGES

STRONGLY THAT U.S. CONTINUE TO FUND INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL. HARROP

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